

Closure in Central Universities

2293. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the Central Universities observed complete closure on the 13 February, 1992;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c). The Joint Action Committee of the employees of Central Universities had given a call for closure of all Central Universities on 13th February, 1992 in protest against the UGC (Amendment) Bill, 1991. According to the information available while the Universities were not closed. Most of the employees responded to the call. The Bill sought, inter-alia, to empower the UGC to prescribe pay scales and service conditions of the employees of Central Universities with prior approval of the Central Government. Taking into account the reactions of teaching and non-teaching staff of Central Universities, Government has asked UGC to look into all aspects of the matter keeping in view the need to bring about uniformity in service conditions of employees consistent with the autonomy of Universities.

Cancellation of Halts in Vijayawada Division

2294. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether halts of passenger trains at the Morampuchi, Kolanucoda Stations and G.T. Express at Tenali Station of Vijayawada Division, South Central Railway have

been cancelled;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any proposal to provide halts of G.T. Express and Navjeevan Express at Tenali Junction to facilitate the passengers of Guntur District; and

(d) if so, the time by which the proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Due to poor patronisation and operational exigencies.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Diversion of Guna-Etawah Line

2295. SHRI ARVIND NETAM:
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SARASWATI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal to reconsider Guna-Shivpuri-Gwalior-Bhind-Etawah railway line, which is under construction, for diverting it between Gwalior and Bind to cover Malanpur industrial area; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken thereon and the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred on the proposed diversion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.